

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
JUNE 14, 1984

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Adjourned Session in the Community Building on June 14, 1984 at 7:00 P.M. The following members were present: Harry Sifford, Jim Sides, Jamima DeMarcus, Jim Cohen and Chairman Hall Steele.

Chairman Steele called the meeting to order and Commissioner DeMarcus opened with prayer.

Larry Chilton and Mayor Lash were present to discuss the services of the Salisbury-Economic Development Commission with Commissioners. After much discussion, Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the amount requested by the Commission, \$30,000. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against. Commissioner Sides said he felt that this Commission was outside the realm of County government and that he could not vote for the motion.

Commissioner Sifford said he felt that the State should take a look at the school's financial problems. He said there should be a policy to redefine areas of responsibilities- where does it begin and where does it end. He said the state has a better means of raising taxes and the biggest part of revenue should come from that.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to give the county schools a 5% increase over last years budget and let them keep the \$605,370.00-  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent sales tax. He said it would be about \$400 shy of what the schools had requested. His motion died for the lack of a second.

Commissioner Cohen said he would make the same motion as Commissioner Sides except give them a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % increase plus the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent sales tax saying it would still provide a 12% increase in the budget. Commissioner Sides seconded for discussion. Commissioner Cohen amended his motion to add the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to current expense and add the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent sales tax to capital outlay. His motion failing with Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion - from the original budget- to use \$212,000 of the schools fund balance in current expense- use \$42,000 fund balance in capital outlay and that we reduce County Appropriation in current expense by \$191,950 and put that in County Appropriation for capital outlay expense all together \$210,000 in revenue sharing from capital outlay. An increase of \$975,974.00 (15.45% overall) Commissioner Sifford seconded. Commissioners Sides and Cohen voting against. Chairman Steele voting I.

Chairman Steele asked the School Board to keep a close watch on fund-raising activities at the schools. He said fund-raisers were limited to one per-school per-year.

Sheriff Stirewalt and Captain Ed Haupt had been asked by the Commissioners to compile estimates on equipment needed for patrol cars and hand-guns and leathergoods, etc. for deputies. The lowest estimate he could come up with was \$35,041.40 for the cars and \$26,373.27 for the deputies equipment. Commissioner Sides recommended taking this information under advisement and studying it and to come back at a later date on their decision how to reimburse the deputies and detectives who have already purchased all of their equipment.

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Mr. Murdoch informed the Commissioners about the bids that he had received on the equipment for the Sheriff's nineteen vehicles.

From: National Police Supply he received:

Sirens	\$173.15 ea.
blue lights	281.77
Spotlights	34.79

From: Zimmerman Evans Co.

1st. aid.	28.70
fire ext.	19.50

From: Tom's Guns

12 ga. shotgun	136.00
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From: National Police Supply

Gun Case	17.44
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From: Two Way Radio Service Inc.

19 radios and equipment- mobile & portable-	<u>\$32,623.00</u>
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Mr. Murdoch said this would total \$45,391- and that \$51,294 had been budgeted. Commissioner Sifford commented that \$5,000 could be deducted from that line item in the budget.

Mr. Murdoch gave bids on garbage containers- 35-8-cubic yard containers. From Sanco- \$16,453- Hendrick- \$18,550- and Salisbury Welding- \$24,881.85. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to accept the low bid from Sanco. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval. Mr. Murdoch said the bid was \$2,000 less than what was budgeted.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the County Manager to rebid the new telephone system. Commissioner Sifford seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides moved to authorize the County Manager to pay off the remainder of the amount owed- estimated \$12,794.00 on Mr. Mills contract with M & J in order for the county to have the ambulance inspected and ready by July 2. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval. The amount to be deducted from the \$80,000 owed to Mr. Mills by the county. To pay out of this year's contingency fund.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the deed to Mr. Marvin Woods for property owned by the county at \$2,100.00. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the budget amendments for the county schools to transfer money into construction projects. To transfer \$230 into the \$59,130 making it \$59,360. To transfer \$157 into the central office telephone system- changing \$18,872 to \$19,029.00. Maintenance equipment allotted \$77,895.39- change by adding \$700- to \$78,595.39- total change of \$1,087. Would like to decrease restrooms from \$38,000 by \$1,036.913. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus made a motion to approve the original and the amendment to the original resolution for the Salisbury-Rowan Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Commissioner DeMarcus moved the board appointments to reappoint Mr. William Wagoner and Mr. W.S. Hall, Sr. to the Rowan County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority and Mr. Fred Medlin to the Social Services Board. Commissioner Sifford seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Sides voting against.

Commissioner Sifford moved that we consider the tank installation for tests for the amount of \$1,150 at the county owned service station at N. Main St. and Liberty which will house REMAS beginning July 2, 1984. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved that we approve an additional appropriation of \$40.00 to go on a combined basis with the city for upgrading the transportation needs for the aging and handicapped. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded. The motion passing with Commissioner Cohen voting against. Rowan County had previously appropriated \$600 of the \$16,000 total for the upgrading.

Commissioners at this time, continued their review of the budget.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to approve the amounts in the Aging budget and stated approval as long as the donations are in excess to the county monies. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sifford moved approval as requested the Veterans Service Budget. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides approved the funding for the Attendance Officer the same level as the other county employees. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to fund the trainable class at last year's level. Commissioner Cohen seconded. Commissioners Sifford, DeMarcus and Chairman Steele voting against.

Commissioners agreed to defer the trainable class for further explanation. Commissioner Sifford said he would like to know the total budget.

Commissioner Sifford moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner DeMarcus seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Regular session. Commissioner Sides seconded with unanimous approval.

Commissioner Sides made a motion to direct the Emergency Medical Director to hire individuals at stated salaries. Commissioner Cohen seconded. The motion passing with Chairman Steele and Commissioner Sifford voting against. Commissioner DeMarcus voting I.

Commissioner Sifford made a motion to authorize the Emergency Medical Director to hire three individuals for REMAS the last week in June and to conduct training classes for the others expected to be hired. Commissioner Cohen seconded with unanimous approval.

There being no further business, Chairman Steele adjourned the meeting until Monday, June 18, at 4:30 p.m.